

**Shemot - שמות - Names****Shemot / Exodus 1:1- 6:1**

We find constant exhortation in Scripture and in daily Jewish prayers, as well as being a highlight of the Passover Seder, to **remember** that you were **slaves** in **Egypt** and, moreover, to always tell your **children**, from generation to generation!

Passover - *Pesach* = *peh* (mouth) + *sach* (speaks) - פ סח + נ

slaves - *avadim* - עבדים  
to work - *la'avod* - לעבוד

**Verbs** - Present tense: *oved* - *ovedet* - *ovdim* - *ovdot* עובד - עובדת - עובדים - עובדות

The hero of our *parasha* and the book of *Shemot* is Moses - Moshe` - משה. He fled from Egypt - *Mitzraim* - מיצריים to Midian and married Tziporah, the daughter of Jethro - *Yitro* - יתרו and is ending his father-in-law's sheep. His settled and contented life as a shepherd radically changes when one day - *yom echad* - יום אחד he sees a burning bush and God speaks to him from the flames. A strange fire - *eish* - אש that does not consume! He commissions Moshe to free His people from *Mitzraim*, assures him He will be with him and reveals His Name to him: YHVH - יהוה - יה - י - יהוה - Yod - Heh - Vav - Heh .

To be: *le'hi'yot* - להיות or not to be?! *Lo le'hi'yot* - לא להיות

**Verbs:** Past: He was - *Hu hayah* - הוא היה  
Present: He is - *Hu hoveh* - הוא הוה  
Future: He will be - *Hu ye'hi'yeh* - הוא יהיה

The process of Redemption begins at what is described as the mountain - הר of God (3:1) - Horeb - *Chorev* - חורב or *Sinai* - סיני

When Moshe leads the Israelites out of Egypt they return to this mountain and God appears to the whole nation in fire - *eish* - אש and gives them His Torah - תורה, also described as *Eish Da'at* - אש דעת - Holy Fire - the fire of revelation of His will and commands.

man - woman / *ish - isha* - איש - אישה / without the *yod* and *heh* of God's Name i.e. His Presence are both *Esh*

(To explore this concept see the Hebrew Highlights post on His-Israel.com)

**Plurals:** mountain / mountains *har - harim*  
 fish / fish *dag - dagim*  
 boy / boys *yeled - yeladim*  
 day / days *yom - yamim*

**Exceptions:** father / fathers *av - avot*  
 name / names *shem - shemot*

**Combine with Adjectives:** *harim rabim* - many mountains; *dag gadol* - big fish; *yeled tov* - good boy; long day - *yom aroch*; wise fathers - *avot chachamim*; good name - *shem tov*

**Pirkei Avot 2:20 פירקי אבות**

**The day is short and the task is great, and the workmen are lazy, and the reward is great and the Employer insistent!**

*Ha'yom katzer ve'ha'melacha merubah, ve'ha'poalim atzeilim, ve'ha'sachar harbeh, u'va'al ha'bayit dochek.*

היום קצר והמלחה מרבה והפועלים עצלים והסחר הרבה ובעל הבית דוחק  
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**DIKDUK:** Revise *Aleph-Bet*

**VOCABULARY - MILIM CHADASHOT - מילים חדשות - New Words**

to remember	lizchor	לזכור
slave / slaves	eved / avadim	עבד / עבדים
worker / workers	po'el / po'alim	פועל / פועלים
children (m / f)	banim / banot	בנים / בנות
mouth	peh	פה
conversation / conversations	sicha / sichot	שיחה / שיחות
mountain / mountains	har / harim	הר / הרים
fire	esh	אש
husband / master	ba'al	בעל
a lazy person (m / f)	atzlan / atzlanit	עצלן / עצלנית

